

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute the enclosed Figs. 1, 4, 15 and 17 (4 sheets) for the original Figs. 1, 4, 15 and 17.

REMARKS

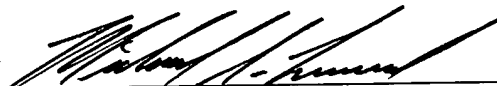
This Preliminary Amendment makes clarifying amendments to the drawings, specification and claims. This Preliminary Amendment amends the drawings, specification and claims to conform to United States patent practice. No subject matter has been surrendered and no new subject matter has been added. The amendments are for clarification purposes and are not for substantial or statutory reasons related to patentability. The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to include the Article 19 amendments made in the International Application. The amendments to the drawings change Fig. 1 cross-section reference letters A-A to II-II, Fig. 4 cross-section reference letters B-B to V-V, Fig. 15 cross-section reference letters C-C to XVI-XVI, and Fig. 17 cross-section reference letters D-D to XX-XX. No other changes to the drawings are being made. The enclosed amended drawings are formal drawings. The specification has been amended to be consistent with the amendments to the drawings.

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